Statement

Prices of imported newsprint

(Rupees per Metric Tonne)

	October-December, 1990	January-March, 1991	Percentage increase
Standard	11,800	12,260	3·9
Glazed	16,650	17,645	6·3
Bangladesh	10,925	11,335	3·7
Super Calendar	16,050	17,095	6·5

Investment approval for Coast based Thermal Power Station at Visakhapatnam

821. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has given Investment approval for 2x500 MW Coast based Thermal Power Station at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The necessary clearances are yet to be arranged by the concerned authorities.

अनुसूचित जातियों और आदिवासी लोगों को महाजनों के चंगुल से मुक्त कराने की योजना

822. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने गरीब आदिवासियों और अनुसूचित जातियों के लोगों को ग्रामीण महाजनों के चंगुलों से मुक्त दिलाने के लिए कोई योजना बनायी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या पूर्व में कुछ राज्यों में प्रायोगिक आधार पर ऐसी कोई योजना शुरू की गई थी ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले?

श्रम मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामजी लाल सुमन) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Number of TADA cases in Gujarat

823. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of "TADA" cases which have been registered in Gujarat State during the year 1990;

(b) in view of the number of cases whether Government desire to declare Gujarat State as a "disturbed area";

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) As per the information received from the Government of Gujarat, they have registered 987 cases during the year 1990.

(b) and (c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Revision of salary and time limit under E.P.F. Scheme, 1952

824. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently revised the Salary time limit for coverage of employees under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme, 1952;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether the various Chambers/ Unions and other concerned parties were consulted by Government before taking such decision; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether procedures for crediting, transfer, withdrawal loan/final settlement etc. of Employees' Provident Fund were simplified under the revised scheme and beneficial to the casual workers; and

(d) the amount lying with Government in Provident Fund till date which is "unclaimed" by the workers and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The wage limit for coverage of employees has been enhanced from Rs .2500/- to Rs. 3500/- per month. The qualifying period of service for becoming member of the fund has been done away altogether and the employees have been made eligible for membership from the date of joining service. These changes have been made on the recommendation of the Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund, which is a tripartite body consisting of representatives of the Organisations of Employers, Employees and the Government.

(c) There has been no further simplification consequent on enforcement of the above-mentioned changes.

(d) As on 31-3-1990, the amount of provident fund money lying unclaimed i.e. the amount for which no claim has been preferred within a period of three years from the date the claim became payable was Rs. 70.58 crores. The amount has remain undisbursed mainly due to non-receipt of claims from the concerned subscribers or their nominees or their legal representatives or the amount remitted having been received back undelivered.

Permission to import computer system for training purpose

825. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to permit import of computer system for the purpose of training by recognised training institutions;

(b) if so, whether the import of computer system would have an adverse affect on the indigenous computer manufacturers; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government would ensure that the import of computers is not engaged as a commercial activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) A scheme for import of computer system for training purposes by training institutions recognised by the Department of Electronics, has been announced vide